

June 1, 2004

TO: All Washington State Fire Departments

FROM: State Fire Marshal Mary L. Corso, Fire Protection Bureau

SUBJECT: Fireworks-Related Injuries and Fires

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is asking for your cooperation in collecting detailed information on fireworks-related injuries and fires. A study of the causes of fireworks-related incidents will provide information needed to develop educational materials to increase consumer awareness and influence industry regulations and legislative actions.

We ask you to copy the enclosed *Fireworks Fire/Injury Report* as needed, and complete one form for each fireworks-related incident. Please make copies of this form available to fire officers, on response apparatus, in fire stations and available to ambulance services and paramedic units. Return completed forms by August 1, 2004, by fax to: (360)753-0398, e-mail to karen.jones@wsp.wa.gov or to the address on the bottom of the form. The form and fireworks device identification is on-line at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/datacoll.htm>.

Information received in 2003 has been compiled into a report and is available on line at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/mediakit/statistics.htm>. For copies of the CD, package of 100 flyers, questions or additional information, please contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Karen S. Jones, Fire Protection Bureau, at (360) 753-0435. Your participation is significant in keeping citizens safe during Independence Day celebrations.

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Enclosure